Daniel 12:3 And they that teach, enforcing intelligence, wisdom, and piety, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

TTHEME:- The Influence of Christians.

INTRO:-1. Context.
2. The positive influence of everybody.
3. Each Xn a sub-station of the Holy Spirit.

A. How Xns teach and turn others unto righteousness.

I. By what they are.

1. The dirty boy's clean face.
2. A walking Bible.

II. By what they say. — 1

III. By what they do. — 2 — 3

"I profess not talking, only this; Let each man do his best." — Shakespeare

IV. By what they give.

V. By their prayers.

1. Prayer a turning on the switch
   a/ lighting a city or a world's Fair
2. Effective praying dependent on what we are say, do, and give in a X-life way.

B.
I. Teachers shall shine as the firmament.

1. The ~~heavenly bodies~~ planets kept in place by the sun.
2. The earth kept alive and lighted by the firmament.
3. The world of humanity kept in place, alive and lighted by ~~such~~ its teachers.

II. They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars.

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1. Only at night do the stars shine.
Xns reflect the light of God to men in darkness.

~~2. The earth too gives forth a light.~~

3. Myriads of stars.
4 5 a/ innumerable. b/ Stars on the way. — 6

4. Each star does its own reflecting.
Individuality preserved and emphasized.

5. Stars in clusters. — 7
Orion, Pleides, Hyades, Milky Way.

6. Forever and ever.

"The vaulted void of purple sky
That everywhere extends,
That stretches from the dazzled eye,
In space that never ends;
A morning whose uprisen sun
No setting e'er shall see;
A day that comes without a noon
Such is eternity."
— Clare

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Boys flying kites haul in their
white-winged birds;
You can't do that way when you're
flying words!
"Careful with fire," is good advice
we know,
"Careful with words," is ten times
doubly so.
Thots unexpressed may sometimes ①
fall back dead;
But God himself can't kill them
when they're said.
— Will Carleton.

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— Shakespeare

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For strong souls, ③
Live like fire-hearted suns, to spend
their strength
In furthest striving action.
—George Eliot.

But who can count the stars
④
of heaven?
Who sing their influence on this
lower world?
—Thompson

One sun by day, by night ⑤
ten thousand shine;
And light us deep into the Deity;
How boundless in magnificence and
might. —Young

So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.
— Longfellow

The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green.

'Tis education forms the common mind,
Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined. — Pope.

He who honestly instructs reverences God. — Mohammed.

Oh, Constellations of the early night
That sparkled brighter as the twilight died,
And made the darkness glorious! I haveseen
Your rays grow dim upon the horizon's edge,
And sink behind the mountains. I have seen the
The great Orion, with his jeweled belt,
That large-limbed warrior of the skies, go down
Into the gloom. Beside him sank a crowd
Of shining ones.

--William Cullan Bryant.